

## ■ Home Rule Sales Tax Summary

### **TO:** All Retailers and Servicepersons Conducting Business in Units of Local Government That Impose Home Rule Sales Tax

**Effective January 1, 1997,** some home rule municipalities have imposed home rule sales tax, and some have changed their home rule sales tax rates (see the table accompanying this bulletin).

It may be necessary to adjust your cash registers and any computer programs you use so that, beginning on January 1, you will be collecting and paying the correct amounts.

The home rule sales tax rate is part of the combined rate that is preprinted on your Form ST-1, Sales and Use Tax Return, and, for multiple-site filers, your Form ST-2, Multiple Site Form.

### **What's being taxed?**

The home rule sales tax has the same base for **general merchandise** as the state sales tax you are already familiar with. (The base refers to those items that are taxed. Any item that is exempt from state sales tax will also be exempt from this home rule sales tax.)

You will report receipts from this general merchandise tax on Line 4a on Form ST-1. Your preprinted return will show the correct combined rate.

**Qualifying food, drugs, and medical appliances** are exempt from home rule sales tax. (The term "food" here refers to food not prepared for immediate consumption, such as most food purchased at a grocery store, excluding hot foods, alcoholic beverages, and soft drinks.)

### **What do I do when a customer pays me after January 1 for a purchase delivered earlier at a different rate?**

If the original purchase was subject to a different tax rate from the rate in Line 4a of Form ST-1, you must report these receipts on Line 8a.

### **Does home rule sales tax apply to sales on Form ST-556, Sales Tax Transaction Return?**

No. If you sell cars or other items that are required to be titled or registered by an agency of Illinois government, you should pay special attention. The home rule sales tax **does not** apply to these sales, and receipts from these sales will continue to be taxed at the current rate preprinted on your Form ST-556.

However, receipts from sales of general merchandise, such as the parts you sell over the counter and the parts you use during service of motor vehicles, watercraft, aircraft, trailers, and mobile homes, are subject to home rule sales tax rates, which are reflected in the rates preprinted on Forms ST-1 and ST-2.

**Questions?**

If you have questions or need more information, please call or write us. Our telephone numbers and address are printed at the bottom of this bulletin.



# Sales Tax Rates in Home Rule Units of Local Government

The following table outlines the sales tax rates for general merchandise effective January 1, 1997, for each of the home rule units in Illinois that impose home rule sales tax. You will find the combined rate preprinted on your Forms ST-1 and ST-2 for each reporting period. Municipalities that have newly imposed home rule sales tax (effective January 1, 1997) are identified as "New."

	Home Rule Sales Tax Rate Effective 1/1/97	Home Rule Sales Tax Rate Change	ST-1/ST-2 Combined Rate Effective 1/1/97	
Addison	0.5%	+0.25%	7.25%	
Alton	0.5%	No change	7%	
Arlington Heights	0.5%	No change	8.25%	
Aurora (DuPage County)	0.5%	No change	7%	
Aurora (Kane County)	0.5%	No change	7%	
Belleville	0.25%	No change	7.25%	
Bloomington	0.25%	+0.25%	7%	(New)
Bloomington	1%	+0.25%	7.25%	
Bolingbrook (DuPage County)	1%	No change	7.5%	
Bolingbrook (Will County)	1%	No change	7.5%	
Buffalo Grove (Cook County)	0.5%	No change	8.25%	
Buffalo Grove (Lake County)	0.5%	No change	7%	
Burbank	0.75%	No change	8.5%	
Burnham	1%	No change	8.75%	
Calumet City	0.5%	No change	8.25%	
Carbondale	0.75%	No change	7%	
Carpentersville	1%	No change	7.5%	
Champaign	1%	No change	7.25%	
Channahon (Grundy County)	1%	No change	7.25%	
Channahon (Will County)	1%	No change	7.5%	
Chicago (Cook County)	1%	No change	8.75%	
Chicago (DuPage County)	1%	No change	7.5%	
Chicago Ridge	0.75%	+0.5%	8.5%	
Cicero	1%	No change	8.75%	
Danville	1%	No change	7.25%	
Decatur	1.25%	+0.25%	7.5%	
DeKalb	0.75%	No change	7%	
Des Plaines	0.5%	No change	8.25%	
Dolton	0.5%	No change	8.25%	
East Hazel Crest	0.5%	No change	8.25%	
East Peoria (Non-home rule)	1%	No change	7.25%	(See FY 96-4.)
East St. Louis	1%	No change	8%	
Elgin (Cook County)	0.75%	No change	8.5%	
Elgin (Kane County)	0.75%	No change	7.25%	
Elk Grove Village (Cook County)	0.5%	No change	8.25%	
Elk Grove Village (DuPage County)	0.5%	No change	7%	
Elmhurst	0.25%	No change	7%	
Elmwood Park	1%	No change	8.75%	
Evanston	0.25%	No change	8%	
Evergreen Park	0.5%	+0.5%	8.25%	(New)
Fairview Heights	0.25%	No change	7.25%	
Galesburg	1%	No change	7.25%	
Granite City	1%	No change	7.5%	
Hanover Park (Cook County)	0.5%	No change	8.25%	
Hanover Park (DuPage County)	0.5%	No change	7%	

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Harwood Heights	1%	+1%	8.75% (New)
Highland Park (Lake County)	0.5%	No change	7%
Hoffman Estates (Cook County)	0.5%	No change	8.25%
Hoffman Estates (Kane County)	0.5%	No change	7%
Joliet	1.25%	No change	7.75%
Marion	0.25%	No change	6.5%
Moline	0.5%	No change	6.75%
Monee	1%	+1%	7.5% (New)
Morton Grove	0.75%	No change	8.5%
Mount Prospect	0.5%	No change	8.25%
Mount Vernon	1%	+0.25%	7.25%
Murphysboro	0.5%	No change	6.75%
Niles	0.5%	No change	8.25%
Normal	1%	No change	7.25%
Norridge	1%	No change	8.75%
Northlake (Cook County)	1%	No change	8.75%
Northlake (DuPage County)	1%	No change	7.5%
Palatine	0.5%	No change	8.25%
Pekin (Peoria County)	1%	No change	7.25%
Pekin (Tazewell County)	1%	No change	7.25%
Peoria	1%	No change	7.25%
Peoria Heights (Peoria County)	1%	No change	7.25%
Peoria Heights (Tazewell County)	1%	No change	7.25%
Peoria Heights (Woodford County)	1%	No change	7.25%
Quincy	0.75%	No change	7%
Rock Island	0.5%	No change	6.75%
Rolling Meadows	0.5%	No change	8.25%
Rosemont	1.25%	No change	9%
St. Charles (DuPage County)	0.25%	No change	6.75%
St. Charles (Kane County)	0.25%	No change	6.75%
Sauget	0.25%	-1.25%	7.25%
Schaumburg (Cook County)	0.5%	No change	8.25%
Schaumburg (DuPage County)	0.5%	No change	7%
Sesser	1%	No change	7.25%
Skokie	0.75%	No change	8.5%
South Barrington	1%	No change	8.75%
Springfield	1%	No change	7.25%
Stone Park	1%	No change	8.75%
Streamwood	0.5%	No change	8.25%
Urbana	1%	No change	7.25%
Watseka	0.75%	No change	7%
West Dundee	1%	+0.5%	7.5%
Wheeling (Cook County)	0.5%	+0.25%	8.25%
Wheeling (Lake County)	0.5%	+0.25%	7%
Cook County (Countywide)	0.75%	No change	*

\* Cook County imposes a 0.75% county home rule sales tax. For unincorporated areas in Cook County, the ST-1/ST-2 combined rate remains at 7.75%. For home rule municipalities within Cook County that impose home rule sales tax, the ST-1/ST-2 combined rate varies (see the entries for each municipality.)